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1. On 4 February 1953, soldiers who left the Pionier Kaserne in Klosterneuburg (O 49/S 30) included: 8 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets six of whom carried two 50-mm mortars, each disassembled into three loads; two groups each of 15 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets, armed with rifles and submachine guns and commanded by NCOs; a detail of 24 men armed with rifles or submachine guns who wore red-bordered black epaulets partly with tank insignia and were commanded by a senior lieutenant wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia; and a detail of 18 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets including 12 armed with rifles and 6 armed with submachine guns who were under the command of two lieutenants with red-bordered black epaulets. The installation was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. The guard detail at the northwestern gate had black-bordered black epaulets. Truck [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets left the former Pionierzeugamt which was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. An officer and 30 men trained on three 120-mm mortars on the drill ground east of the former Pionierzeugamt. Low rubber-tired carts were parked nearby. 1

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2. On 5 February 1953, motor vehicles seen near the buildings on the Theaterplatz and the Stalinring in Baden (O 49/X 37) included: sedan [] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets, jeeps [] and sedan [] all driven by soldiers with black-bordered red epaulets; and sedan [], truck [] sedans [], weapon carrier [] jeep [] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Vehicles seen near the former Flak Kaserne on the road to Soos (O 48/X 36) included truck [] sedans [] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets and truck [] driven by a soldier wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Sixteen motor vehicles were in the garages of the Helenentalhof. The two gates of which were guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black or black-bordered black epaulets. Eight [] tank trucks were parked outdoors. About 40 men trained in the former lumber-yard and about 25 men constructed telephone lines on poles. Truck [] driven by a soldier with black-bordered black epaulets left Doblhof Castle which was guarded by soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets. 2

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3. On 6 February 1953, 6 armored reconnaissance vehicles, 8 propped-up guns without muzzle brake, 46 trucks, 1 ambulance and 2 jeeps were parked near the former Bundeserziehungsanstalt in Traiskirchen (O 49/X 37). About 50 men wearing red-bordered black epaulets drilled in the street in front of this building while an officer and about 30 men were training on six emplaced mortars of unidentified caliber. ³
4. On 2 February 1953, 2 lieutenant colonels and 7 majors, all wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and jeeps [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen near the Hovengasse office in Korneuburg (O 49/S 30). Three lieutenant colonels and 5 majors all wearing red-bordered black epaulets were seen near the Albrechts Kaserne. About 50 men were trained on five 37-mm AA guns in the yard of this installation. Thirty-two men with red-bordered black epaulets who came from the direction of the camp on the road to Leobendorf entered the installation. Trucks [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. Six 37-mm AA guns and one ballistic computer were observed in the camp on the road to Leobendorf. Jeep [redacted] and two trucks [redacted] left or entered the camp. ³
5. On 2 February 1953, about 60 men performed rifle drill in the yard of the Prinz Eugen Kaserne in Stockerau (O 49/S 21). Three majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and trucks [redacted] both driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets were seen near this installation. About 40 men performed rifle drill in the yard of the Artillerie Kaserne in which four 85-mm guns were parked. Trucks [redacted] which were driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets entered or left the installation. Radio car [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation on Schaumannngasse. ⁴
6. On 4 February, jeep [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets left the former Kreisgericht in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88) by the main gate on Schiesstattring. Three trucks [redacted] parked in front of the garages west of the former Kreisgericht. Two amphibian cars were washed in front of the garages of the Eugen Kaserne. Forty men wearing black-bordered black epaulets and carrying lance poles and reels left the Franz Josef Kaserne and marched toward the municipal forest. The gate of the Franz Josef Kaserne was guarded by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. Truck [redacted] driven by a soldier with black-bordered red epaulets and truck [redacted] jeep [redacted] truck [redacted] and tank truck [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets entered the installation through this gate. Sedan [redacted] driven by a soldier with red-bordered black epaulets parked in front of the Werner Strasse building which was entered by five majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery or tank insignia.
7. On 4 February, there was only insignificant activity in Camp Spratzern south of St. Poelten (O 49/W 88). Motor vehicles seen included trucks [redacted] sedans [redacted] weapon carrier [redacted] and jeep [redacted] all driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets. ²
8. On 3 February, 33 soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68) carrying rifles and cardboard targets and marched toward the Danube River meadows. Nine soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia and carrying sheet-metal cases and tripods under the command of a senior lieutenant returned to the barracks installation. Twenty men with red-bordered black epaulets and six pulling a ZIE-3 type 76-mm field gun and two officers entered the barracks installation about noon. Truck [redacted] was parked in this installation, and trucks [redacted] driven by soldiers with red-bordered black epaulets left the installation. ⁶

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9. On 21 January 1953, motor vehicles [redacted] parked in front of the storage depot of the Austria Brauerei (brewery) in Wiener Neudorf (P-49/X 37). The first four trucks were accompanied by soldiers with blue and black epaulets and carried no load, while truck [redacted] was loaded with goods including 150 pairs of gentlemen's and ladies' shoes, 65 woollen blankets, 5 small bales of gray and blue fabric and was accompanied by an officer and three men with red epaulets. 25X1
1. [redacted] Comment. The various groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets partly with tank insignia in Klosterneuburg are believed to belong to the 46th Gds Mecz Regt stationed in this town. The guard detail wearing black-bordered black epaulets at the northwestern gate of the Pionier Kaserne was probably detached by the 8th Gds Engr Bn. The [redacted] truck leaving the Pionierzeugamt tends to indicate that the vehicle belongs to the 13th Gds Mecz Div. 25X1
2. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] Guard details with black-bordered black epaulets were [redacted] from the east section of the Helonen-talhof and the Doblhof Castle. They were possibly detached by an unidentified signal regiment of the Central Group of Forces. Another indication for this regiment are the telephone lines which were probably constructed for training purposes. 25X1
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted]
5. [redacted] 25X1
6. [redacted] Comment. The various groups of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia seen in Melk belong to the 233d Gds Gun Arty Regt. [redacted] 25X1
7. [redacted] Comment. [redacted] most of the vehicles seen in front of the storage depot of the Austria Brauerei are believed to belong to the Central Group of Forces. It is believed that the Central Trading and Purchasing Base of the Commercial Department of the Central Group of Forces and a storage depot are located in the Austria Brauerei. 25X1

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